

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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| Andrew B. Lederman | Confirmation No.: | 7813 |
| Serial No.: | Group Art Unit: | 3734 |
| Filed: October 29, 2003 | Examiner: | Bachman, Lindsey Michele |
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For: **SUTURE NEEDLES AND METHODS OF USE**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND
FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH RCE**

Mail Stop: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response to the Advisory Action so that the FINAL Office Action mailed February 21, 2007 is now effectively made non-final. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.

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